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Brett J. Trout does declare as follows:

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2. That a true copy of such response under 35 CFR §1.111 is attached hereto, along with a copy of a return postcard for acknowledging receipt by the Patent and Trademark Office, which was returned on February 7, 2006;
3. Upon receipt of the late dated postcard and a telephone call from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 8, 2006, the undersigned prepared the instant declaration;

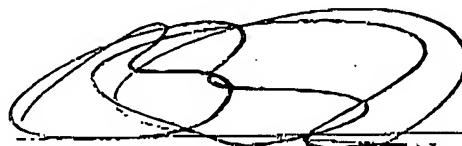
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